

PRIORITY INVESTMENT

Overview

In accordance with Section 6-29-510 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the City is required to include as part of its comprehensive plan, a “priority investment element that analyzes the likely federal, state, and local funds available for public infrastructure and facilities during the next ten years, and recommends the projects for expenditure of those funds during the next ten years for needed public infrastructure and facilities such as water, sewer, roads, and schools. The recommendation of those projects for public expenditure must be done through coordination with adjacent and relevant jurisdictions and agencies.” The list of projects in this chapter that meets this requirement is made of the Sales Tax Prioritization list approved by the City Council and the Priority Projects list approved by the ARTS MPO. This list summarizes the priorities of the community identified by citizens, planners, and officials. The project list should be referenced as this plan is being implemented. Also included in this chapter are strategies for the implementation of this plan and how it should be used as a tool in planning efforts over the next five years.

PROJECT LIST

South Carolina Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects 2021-2027		
Project Name	Description	2021 Cost
FUNDED PROJECTS		
SC 126 (Belvedere Clearwater Road)	Widen roadway along SC 126 (Belvedere-Clearwater Rd), extending approx. 1.8 upgrade from 2-lane to 5-lane C/G, w/ bike/ped accommodations throughout Town of Burnetown.	\$21,707,039
I-20 Widening from near GA State Line to near SC 230	Widen I-20 EB/WB to 6 lanes toward median.	\$40,300,000
I-20 WB over Abandoned Railroad Bridge Replacement	Bridge replacement on I-20 WB over Abandoned Railroad.	\$10,920,000
TAP -Aiken/North Augusta Bicycle Route	Establish a designated bicycle route connecting the City of Aiken with the North Augusta Greenway. The route will be designated with Share the Road, route marking and destination signs.	\$55,885
TAP- Knobcone Avenue Sidewalk Project	Installation of a sidewalk between Paul Knox Middle School and North Augusta High School.	\$350,000

TAP- North Augusta Greenway Extension-Woodstone to Mayfield Drive	Construct an extension of the North Augusta Greenway from its current terminus in Woodstone Subdivision to Mayfield Drive.	\$97,315
RTP-North Augusta Greenway Resurfacing Phase II	Greenway Upgrade (Pave section of trail).	\$125,000
Pavement Reconstruction I-20 Exit 1 to Exit 5	Pavement Reconstruction I-20 Exit 1 to Exit 5.	\$35,000
SR4/US 25BU at Savannah River at South Carolina State Line-TIA	This project will replace the existing bridge using staged construction to maintain two lanes of traffic open at all times. The new bridge will be 4 travel lanes with a center median, sidewalk on the east side, and 10 foot shared use of sidewalk on the west side with barrier separation from the outer southbound travel lane. The project team is working on incorporating out of scope trail connection and aesthetic elements.	\$49,911,845
Safety Corridor 1: SC 230 (W Martintown Rd) I-20 to Edgefield County Line	Operational and signal improvements.	\$625,000
UNFUNDED PROJECTS		
Five Notch Road and Pisgah Road	Operational Improvements.	\$1,918,400

City of North Augusta Sales Prioritization List		
Project Type	Description	Total Cost
Public Safety	Design, development, and construction of a new Department of Public Safety Headquarters station and related fire apparatus	\$11,500,000
Transportation	Martintown Road/US 1 intersection design and improvements	\$2,000,000
Transportation	Downtown pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety improvements	\$300,000
Utilities	Placing utilities underground along Georgia Avenue	\$700,000
Transportation	Reconstruction of City Roads	\$3,000,000
Transportation	Resurfacing of City Roads	\$1,450,000
Infrastructure	New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Improvements	\$500,000
Recreation	Activities Center Improvements	\$700,000
Recreation	Park improvements including ballpark, fields, lighting, and playground equipment for Creighton Park	\$1,500,000
Recreation	Community Center upgrades	\$150,000
Recreation	Greenway improvements and increased connectivity	\$650,000
Recreation	Downtown Greenway Connector	\$900,000

Infrastructure	Wastewater infrastructure improvements to the Southwest interceptor, the Southeast interceptor, and the Northeast interceptor	\$3,500,000
Infrastructure	Stormwater improvements	\$1,500,000
Transportation	Gateway and wayfinding improvements including at the US 1/Martintown Road intersection, East Buena Vista/US 1 intersection, Edgefield Road/Georgia Avenue intersection and I-20 and Martintown interchange	\$1,250,000
Information Technology	Software and technology to develop a citizen information portal, improved record keeping, transaction processing, accounting and financial reporting	\$575,000
General	Finance Department lobby improvements for citizen transactions	\$100,000
General	Safety and security improvements for the Municipal Building	\$425,000

GOALS & STRATEGIES

10.1

CREATE STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT

10.1.1. Monitor the implementation of the plan annually.

In January of each year the Planning Commission will report to the City Council on the progress made in implementing an annual priorities list established by the planning staff for the prior year and will also report on any other matters relating to implementation of the plan. In February of each year the Commission will work with the City Council and staff and will list annual priorities for implementation of this plan.

10.1.2. Update the plan every 5 years.

The plan shall be updated every 5 years to ensure that it stays relevant and to add goals & strategies that may emerge.

10.1.3. Explore new institutional arrangements.

Where appropriate, new institutional arrangements to facilitate multijurisdictional cooperation on funding issues should be explored.

10.1.4. Develop an overall funding strategy and selection of revenue sources to address the capital and any possible operating funding gap.

The following factors should guide the selection of revenue sources to address the capital and operating funding gap:

- Revenue Potential: Whether the tool can generate substantial sums of monies to fund capital infrastructure;
- Geographic Application: Whether the tool can be applied across the region;
- Legislative Authorization: Whether the tool requires legislative authorization;
- Technical/Administrative Ease: The ease of administering the tool; and
- Public Acceptability